

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 2-6 remain pending.

Drawing Changes:

Figure 5 has been labeled "Prior Art" as suggested by the examiner in para. 1 of the outstanding office action. A replacement sheet is attached.

Abstract:

The abstract has been amended in accordance with Par. 2 of the office action.

Claim Objections:

The claims have been objected to for the reasons stated in Par. 3 of the office action. The claims have been amended to remove the various grounds of objection by adopting the examiner's recommendations.

Sec. 112 Rejection:

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Par. 2 for the reasons stated in Par. 4 of the office action. The claims have been amended to remove the basis of the rejections. It is submitted that all of applicant's claims fully comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 112.

Allowed Claims:

The sole art-rejected claim 1 has been canceled. The remaining claims 2-6 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Conclusions:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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